Sl. No.	Name of the CMD	Name of the Bank	Date of Appointment
1.	Sh. S.C. Basu	Bank of Maharashtra	25.9.2000
2.	Sh. V.P. Shetty	UCO Bank	6.10.2000
3.	Sh. K. Cherian Varghese	Corporation Bank	2.11.2000
4.	Sh. N.S. Gujral	Punjab & Sind Bank	23.2.2001
5.	Sh. S.C. Gupta	Indian Overseas Bank	1.5.2001
6.	Sh. Madhukar	United Bank of India	18.7.2001

(b) and (c) As per extant procedure laid down for appointments to the posts of Chairman and Managing Directors (CMDs) in the nationalised banks, reports/clearances are sought about the selected executives from Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of the concerned banks. Executives referred in (a) above were appointed as CMDs in respective banks only after receipt of Vigilance Clearance(s) from CVC, RBI and CVO of the bank concerned. Vigilance clearance is given only when the person is clear from all serious charges.

LPG pipeline project in A.P.

2184. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction work for a 600 kms. long LPG pipeline between Visakhapatnam and Secunderabad has started;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the pipeline is going to be extended from Vijayawada to Tirupati;

(c) if so, whether the study relating to commercial viability has been carried out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The LPG pipeline project was approved by the GAIL Board of Directors for Visakhapatnam to Secunderabad only after establishing commercial viability.

Supply of LPG at petrol pumps

†2185. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to provide LPG at petrol pumps; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have the plan to set up 228 Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDS) in various cities of the country by the year 2003-04. These ALDS would be set up at the existing Retail Outlets where safety distances as per Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE) norms are available.

Procedures adopted in Octane Test

†2186. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the kind of containers determined for the sample of Octane Test of adulteration in petrol and diesel;

(b) the details of locations where Octane Test is being conducted;

(c) whether the sample can be collected in the empty bottles of liquor or kerosene; and

(d) whether petrol and diesel pumps get the Octane Test done at the depots of the oil company itself before receiving the delivery of oil; if not, the justification of taking the sample at petrol pumps for the said test?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (c) Samples for Octane Test for Petrol shall be taken in clean glass or aluminium

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.